

Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
**Meeting held virtually due to COVID-19.**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Dianne Duggan.
2. **Roll Call.** Members present: Dianne Duggan and Bill Lathrop. Others present: Members of the public, Police Chief Patrick Reese, EMS Chief Jamie Kessenich, City Administrator Ian Rigg, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Samantha Jozefowicz, and Citizens: William Wassing. Absent: Erika Stuart.
3. **Agenda.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Lathrop, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion was approved 2-0.
4. **Minutes.** A motion was made by Lathrop, seconded by Duggan, to approve the July 1, 2020 Public Safety regular meeting minutes. Motion was approved 2-0.
5. **Citizen appearances.** None.
6. **Old Business.**
7. **New Business.**
  - A. A motion was made by Lathrop, seconded by Duggan, to approve the Original Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
    - (1) Mark Thomas Newcomb; (2) Dana MacKinzie Smith.Motion approved 2-0.
  - B. A motion was made by Lathrop, seconded by Duggan, to approve the Renewal Operators License applications for: (approved by Police Chief Reese unless otherwise noted)
    - (1) Brenda L Roth.Motion approved 2-0.
  - C. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Lathrop, to recommend to Council the approval of new agent for Romano's Pizza Inc.
  - D. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Lathrop, to recommend to Council approval of the Rock County Special Investigations Unit Multi-Jurisdictional Agency Agreement. Motion was approved 2-0.
  - E. A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Lathrop, to remove Scott McElroy and Jay Koehler from the safety deposit box and the closing of the safety deposit box with Greenwoods State Bank. Motion was approved 2-0.
  - F. A motion was made by Lathrop, seconded by Duggan, to close the Evansville Police Supervisor Association checking account held at Greenwoods State Bank since we no longer have a supervisor association with the union. Motion was approved 2-0.
8. **Police Department Report.** Chief Reese sent the monthly report electronically covering the training for officers, community outreach, updates in the department, staffing matters, and accreditation. Officer Wendt started field training on August 3, 2020. All officers attended online training put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice on Wellness and Leadership for police officers and families. Officers Schmidt and Reilly along with Lieutenant Jones

attended an online update on the use of deadly force (they are our instructors). Training that was sponsored by BASE on LGBT+ and law enforcement was cancelled. The presenter is instead doing a virtual session for some of our staff in August. They plan on rescheduling this regional training next year to be in person. Lieutenant Jones and Chief Reese signed up for in person grant writing training to be in Green Bay in December. This is contingent on COVID. Lieutenant Jones is signed up for a TDB for IW DOT Grants (click it or ticket) training. Officer Wendt will have firearms qualifications on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Officer Schmidt and Nankee's taser certification update class was cancelled. We are working to find another course that is open. Officer Rittenhouse continues to be our COVID-19 resource officer. Rock County Emergency Management ended their once a week COVID-19 meetings that Chief Reese, Lieutenant Jones and Officer Rittenhouse had been attending. These meetings were once per business day and then three times a week and now will be announced as needed. Officer Wickstrum attended the Creekside "picnic" on July 31<sup>st</sup>. This was outdoors with social distancing requirements. Sergeant Rittenhouse met with teachers at one of the daycares to discuss meeting with the kids on proper behavior. Lieutenant Jones and Chief Reese attended the re-opening meetings with the ECSD. We've been attending BASE meetings virtually for the last several months. Chief Reese will do another radio ad for the use of our medication drop box. Ours is still open, but many are not. BASE is paying for the radio ad. Point of Last Drink is completed and an invoice for \$1000 was sent to Janesville Mobilizing for Change. JM4C was invoiced for Officer Nankee's presentations on drugs that impair. Officer Nankee gave several presentations last year on drug recognition techniques. JM4C agreed to pay \$3000 towards his education presentations, supplies and training. Lieutenant Jones found a redaction software that should work for our needs. He is scheduled to do a 3 hour training to learn the functions of the system. We're already discovering we may need an independent computer to manage the program. It took over 14 hours to work on one body cam video. Lieutenant Jones is working with the company to obtain an updated graphics card which may help with this. The new drug drop box has been installed. Officer Wendt was given Chief Reese's body camera to use. Chief Reese will use an available one depending on who else is working. Lieutenant Jones is trying to get us some replacements under warranty. Officer Wendt's body armor is on back order. He's borrowing Officer Johnson's currently since they work opposite shifts. Police Commission met on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Officer Rittenhouse is now the Detective Sergeant. Officer Reilly is now the Patrol Sergeant. Officer Nolan Wendt started as our fulltime officer. Angelica Wolf was appointed contingent on finishing her drug screen, physical and psychological and a few items left in her background. She will be part time (her wish). Calls for service for July were 1097 in 2020 and 1342 in 2019.

9. **EMS Report.** Chief Kessenich sent the report electronically. There were 61 calls for service during the month of July 2020 and 64 calls for service during the month of July 2019. 307 to date call volume for 2020 and 368 to date call volume for 2019. Continue to wear full PPE is being worn on all calls: N95 mask, safety glasses/goggles, face shield, gown and boot/shoe covers. With the mask mandate everyone is wearing a cloth or surgical mask when at the station not conducting patient care. Will begin the process of completing Advanced Skills testing for all members of the department who are either an EMT/EMR. They will be working through either myself or Carolyn to complete this. Mercy Health will begin some virtual refresher training beginning in September. Carolyn and Chief Kessenich met with the Evansville Fire Officers. We try to do this a couple times a year to discuss training, operations and any other talking points we have. Joint training tabletop for an MVA with multiple patients and vehicles would like to be conducted once COVID-19 allows. Discussed desires of combining departments, how and what that might look like. Both entities believe this is what is needed for the community. We would like to discuss with local agencies in the area that have already taken on this task and ask them what worked,

what didn't and how they might suggest we start the process. Looking for any feedback to make this process as smooth as possible. We plan to meet again with some local first responders who have experienced a merger the first part of October.

10. **Meeting Reminder:** Next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 6:00 pm.

11. **Motion to adjourn.** A motion was made by Duggan, seconded by Lathrop, to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Motion was approved 2-0.

Samantha Jozefowicz  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

*The minutes are not official until approved by the Public Safety Committee at the next regular meeting.*